

Student Editors Concerned—

Press Freedom Issue On Campuses

EDITOR'S NOTE: In view of Senator Simmons' attack on the Daily Nebraskan, the following American Collegiate Press story is particularly relevant because it concerns freedom of press on college newspapers.

The nation's new organs are not improving rapidly enough to meet the challenges of atomic-age democracy, says Dean Edward Barrett of Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism.

"Let's face it," Dean Barrett told student editors representing more than 100 college newspapers at the fifth annual International Affairs Conference for College Editors in New York recently.

"Our normal media of news communication, if we look at them nationwide, are not doing an outstandingly good job," said Barrett.

Dean Barrett, head of the Graduate School of Journalism since 1956 and a former Washington corres-

pondent and Newsweek editor, spoke to the student delegates on "The Age of the Communicator." His remarks were part of a day-long program at Columbia, which included a panel discussion on "Freedom and Responsibility of the Student Press."

Press freedom has been a major issue on many campuses during the past year. Student editors have been particularly concerned since a number of publications were attacked by college administrators and by legislators, were suspended or closed and their editors punished or dismissed on campuses in New York, Pennsylvania, Colorado, Michigan, California and Florida.

Several student editors said that the campus newspaper is the "last citadel of free expression" in the publishing field.

The panel discussion,

moderated by Prof. J. Ben Lieberman of Columbia centered on the role of the college newspaper and its relation to college administrators.

One view taken by several of the four panel members and by some members of the audience was that a college newspaper should be a "voice of gentle persuasion and responsibility."

An opposite view taken was that college papers should "agitate and raise hell."

Neal Johnston of the University of Chicago, a panel member, said students should accept as inevitable efforts by college administrators to control campus papers. Johnston, a former editor of the university's Maroon and director of the academic freedom project of the National Student Association, said:

"Most college editors

wouldn't know what to do with complete freedom of the press if they had it. Further, if their papers are subsidized, they can't expect complete freedom. What college president is going to pay to hear views he doesn't want to hear?"

Johnston said one of the great fears of student editors, even those with considerable freedom of press, is expulsion.

"I go all over the country investigating suppression for them and defending them," he added. "I defend both the idiots and the ones really being censored. But I sure do get fed up with defending idiots — and there are plenty of idiots."

Sinda Brower of the University of Mississippi, another panel member, said student journalists should be thought-provoking, "not big agitators."

Miss Brower, who won praise during the University of Mississippi race troubles for her editorials in the school's Mississippian, said, "The trick is to use wise judgment and to show a sense of maturity and responsibility. This will help you obtain and maintain — and help others obtain and maintain — college freedom of the press."

The third panel member, John MacGregor, editor of the University of New Mexico Lobo and national president of the U.S. Student Press said college newspapers could remain free only so long as administrators resist the temptation to suppress them.

Most student editors, he said, compromise on editorial policies to avoid censorship.

The truth can only be known if you are free to tell it," said the fourth panel member, Melvin Meyer,

editor of the Crimson and White of the University of Alabama.

Meyer, whose editorials on the Mississippi riot brought threats on his life, said, "Basically, a university newspaper must be responsible like any other paper. It must not become the mouthpiece of an administration or the mouthpiece of a person. And it must not be a public relations outfit for its college.

With several of the students in the audience, Meyer argued that the campus newspaper was the last truly free publication.

"Most newspapers," Meyer said, "are writing editorials about Afghanistan and ignoring the home issues. The college papers are the only ones who dare touch some issues."

Many students said they often had "connived" and had learned to "get

around" potential censors. "When the school wouldn't let us take a stand on a board of regents election," said one student, "we got the candidates to say they didn't care if we commented. That put the school administration in a fix."

Other students said that too often college editors take up issues on which they are completely wrong or ignorant.

"It's such stands that I consider idiotic," said Johnston. "They can't do anything but hurt the fight for freedom."

Columbia's participation in the three-day conference came as part of the journalism school's celebration of its 59th anniversary. Other sponsors were the New York Chapter of the Overseas Press Club of America, the United States National Student Association and Reader's Digest Foundation.

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Council Of Youth To Sell Nebraska

"We're trying to sell Nebraska to its youth, its citizens, and the United States," said Sue Plum, chairman of the Nebraska Council of Youth after its Sunday meeting.

Miss Plum explained that

Prout Writes Nude Animal Fight Song

The national offices of the Society for Indecency to Naked Animals (SINA) has sent a copy of its official marching song to the Daily Nebraskan.

The song was written by President Clifford Prout Jr. who again reminded the staff that he will be on the University campus this month to promote his cause to clothe all vital areas of animals.

The organization's official marching song goes as follows:

"Wings of Decency"

By G. Clifford Prout Jr. (Introduction—

muted trumpet far away...)

High on the wings of SINA

We fight for the future now

Let's clothe every pet and animal

Whether dog, cat, horse or cow

G. Clifford Prout our president

He works for you and me

So clothe all your pets and

Join the march for world wide decency

S-I-N-A that's our call

All for one and one for all

Hoist our flag for all to see

Waiving for morality

Onward we stride together

Stronger every way

All mankind and his animal friends

For SINA, S-I-N-A

Prout asked Mrs. John F. Kennedy and her daughter Caroline yesterday to dress their horses before riding in public.

According to a SINA press release about 250 members of the group from the greater Baltimore area have agreed to march on Washington and picket the White House.

Prout explained that this demonstration would serve a two-fold purpose:

—Adherence to the President's physical fitness program.

—A protest against Mrs. Kennedy and her daughter Caroline for riding nude horses.

SINA has so far ignored this situation because the President's family has been discreet enough to do most of their riding in private, however the continued practice could be detrimental to general public morality and SINA will put the full weight of its membership behind this protest, the release said.

the Council of Youth is attempting to do this in two ways—working with the youth of the state and selling the state to its citizens.

"Since the Nebraska Conference of Youth held in August, 1962, high school delegates have returned to their hometowns and done a fantastic amount of work," Miss Plum said.

She explained that youth centers, conferences and employment agencies for high school students have resulted from last summer's conference.

Each delegate to the conference discussed student problems, both high school and university, in the areas of education, recreation, and economic opportunity.

"However, University students did not do as much toward solving these problems," Miss Plum said, "and this resulted in the Sunday meeting to determine the role of the University student in the Governor's Council on Youth program."

As a consequence, University students decided to go to work in two fields—the Senators program and the "Mass Merchandizing" programs.

"Working with the Student Council, the Daily Nebraskan and the members of the Senator's Program, we hope to in-



SINFONIA STARS—Four of the performers in Friday's Sinfonia Jazz Concert are, from left, Kary Kubert, chairman; Nancy Dunker, featured vocalist; Jim Herbert, Sinfonia president; and John Mills, jazz band leader. The jazz concert, which is held each year to support the Phi Mu Alpha-Sinfonia music honorary scholarships, will be presented at the Student Union this Friday.

Governor's Wife Is Speaker For NAACP

Mrs. Frank S. Morrison will be the guest speaker tomorrow at the annual dinner of the Lincoln branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Master of Ceremonies Bill "Thunder" Thornton, will introduce Nebraska's First Lady.

A large percentage of the membership of the Lincoln branch of NAACP are University students and faculty members.

Senators Negate Bill On Annex

The legislature has killed LB122, introduced by Sen. Terry Carpenter, which would have allowed the University to use the facilities of the state's junior colleges for the furtherance of its academic programs.

During legislative debate on the bill,

Sen. Marvin Stromer, of Lincoln, said that the Legislature should first chart the future course of higher education in Nebraska.

Commenting on Stromer's statement, Sen. Carpenter said that the idea was a good one, but that "it takes a long time to get done."

Carpenter said he thought that the Legislature should get started on the study, but in the mean time, there should be some type of interim program.

In criticizing Carpenter's bill, Sen. Hal Bridenbaugh said that the lawmakers should take a good look at higher education before they start considering more consolidations.

According to Bridenbaugh, we talk about taxes then turn around and talk about another expansion.

Carpenter said that the bill would not necessarily have cost more money. The bill was simply "permissive legislation," he said.

In other words, if the schools decided that they could not afford to merge their programs, then there would have been no pressure for them to do so. If, however, they thought that a merger would be advantageous and finally possible, then this bill would allow for the combination of the two.

In defense of his bill, Carpenter said that it was the state's responsibility to provide for equal opportunities in regard to higher education throughout the state.

The University should not be centralized in Lincoln, he said.

"We're paying twice in my district," added Carpenter.

"We have to pay the entire levy for the junior college, and then the additional levy for the state university. We don't think it is fair to pay both even though we originate the idea."

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Hall, Copple: 'Repugnant'

Learning of Regent Peterson's proposed study of the Nebraskan, Dr. William E. Hall, director of the School of Journalism, and R. Neale Copple, Daily Nebraskan faculty adviser issued the following statement:

"The whole idea that it might be necessary to conduct a formal investigation of the Daily Nebraskan on the basis of such charges as those made by Ray Simmons is repugnant to us. Mr. Simmons' tactics are too well known to merit such attention. If the charges had come from responsible leadership of either political party, the proposed study would be accepted without serious question."

"However, if such an investigation as proposed by Regent Peterson would end once and for all Mr. Simmons' biennial forays on our students then, perhaps, the study would be worthwhile."

Thompson Fires Retort At Charge

Carroll Thompson, active in the Lancaster County Republican organization and former college journalism instructor, has taken exception to the charges of Ray Simmons, Fremont attorney, against the Nebraskan.

"First, I know that Mr. Simmons does not speak for lots of Republicans," Thompson said in a statement.

"He may speak for some, but the mere fact that he chose to present his charges at the recent Founders Day meeting should not be accepted by the public as reason to think that he represents the Republican party."

"Secondly, his charges against the Daily Nebraskan are obvious attempts to forbid the exercise of freedom of the press in the place where it is most dear to the future of Nebraska."

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Regent Board To Be Asked

Former Nebraska Governor Val Peterson has countered charges by Fremont attorney Ray Simmons that the Daily Nebraskan favors liberal political views while playing down the conservative side.

Peterson said "Ray Simmons' charges against the Daily Nebraskan, its staff and sponsors, faculty members and the administration and the university are not only serious but also happily subject to determination. They are in writing as are the pages of the Daily Nebraskan and can be either established or discarded by competent judges.

"Accordingly I will propose at the next meeting of the Board of Regents that it request the president of the Nebraska Press Association to appoint a committee of three representative Nebraska editors to weigh Simmons' charges as set forth in the booklet he circulated in Lincoln, and make their findings public.

"Nebraska is fortunate in having many fine, independent and objective editors who could render such a service. As chairman I would suggest either Hyde Sweet of Nebraska City or Earl Marvin of Beatrice.

"Neither man 'wears a any man's collar.' Neither distorts decisions by wearing the spectacles of extremism left or right.

"The public would have, I think, complete confidence in either.

"Intellectual ferment is not only desirable, but absolutely essential in a university community. Such ferment is possible only when all viewpoints are fairly presented. Less than such presentation makes an educational institution a propaganda mill. This surely would be abhorrent to all Nebraskans."

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Sunday shied away from the dispute. It was referred to the standing committee of Medical education for further study which is necessary before any definite plans are made, Nutzman said.

Action on the building bill prior to Monday was the adoption of an amendment to provide an increase from one-fourth of a mill to one mill for two years after which the levy would drop to one-half mill.

The Association has endorsed increased support for all plans concerning development plans for the University College of Medicine, but no specific action for any definite plans has been taken, Nutzman said.

The University is asking for funds to build a new hospital.

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